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1. THE DEPARTMENT BRIEFING OFFICER DID A SUPERB JOB ANSWERING QUESTIONS ON AID TO INDIA AND THE AID STAFF HOUSE JULY 16. MANY THANKS.

2. THE QUESTION AND ANSWER SHEET PREPARED AS A FOLLOW-UP IS EXCELLENT, WITH ONE EXCEPTION. IN THE THIRD Q & A IT IS STATED THAT THE AID HOUSING COMPLEX "WAS FINANCED WITH TRUST FUND RUPEES PROVIDED BY THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT." IN ACTUAL FACT, THE TRUST FUND RUPEES CAME FROM A GRANT OF PL-480 FUND TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA. THUS IT WAS OUR MONEY ALL THE WAY, ALTHOUGH, AS WAS STATED VERY FEW DIRECT DOLLAR COSTS WERE INVOLVED.

3. AS YOU STATE, THE QUESTION OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENTAL AID IS STILL OPEN. AT MY MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER THIS MORNING IT WAS AGREED TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS OF THIS IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. SUCH ASSISTANCE DOES NOT REQUIRE HOUSING, WHICH IS WHAT WE ARE TURNING OVER TO THE GOI.

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